



**Bright from the Start Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning**  
**2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE, 670 East Tower**  
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**Date:** 10/30/2023 **VisitType:** Licensing Study

**Arrival:** 9:30 AM

**Departure:** 3:30 PM

**CCLC-641**

**The Harvest School**

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**Quality Rated:** ★ ★

| <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> |                                            |               | <b>Compliance Zone Designation</b> - A summary measure of a program's 12 month monitoring history, as it pertains to child care health and safety rules. The three compliance zones are good standing, support, and deficient.<br><br><b>Good Standing</b> - Program is demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules.<br><b>Support</b> - Program performance is demonstrating a need for improvement in meeting rules.<br><b>Deficient</b> - Program is not demonstrating an acceptable level of performance in meeting the rules. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 10/30/2023                         | Licensing Study                            | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 03/02/2023                         | Complaint Closure                          | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 02/16/2023                         | Complaint Investigation & Monitoring Visit | Good Standing |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

**Ratios/License Capacity**

| Building | Room            | Age Group                  | Staff | Children | NC/C | Max 35 SF. | 35 SF. Comp. | Max 25 SF. | 25 SF. Comp. | Notes                 |
|----------|-----------------|----------------------------|-------|----------|------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | 1L Infant       | Infants and One Year Olds  | 2     | 4        | C    | 23         | C            | NA         | NA           | Nap,Floor Play        |
| Main     | 1R-Front        | Five Year Olds and GA PreK | 2     | 15       | C    | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time           |
| Main     | 2L -Back        | Two Year Olds              | 2     | 13       | C    | 11         | NC           | NA         | NA           | Transitioning,Outside |
| Main     | 2L Front        | One Year Olds              | 2     | 11       | C    | 17         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning,Outside |
| Main     | 3L Middle-Back  | Three Year Olds            | 2     | 10       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Circle Time           |
| Main     | 3L Middle-Front | Three Year Olds            | 2     | 15       | C    | 21         | C            | NA         | NA           | Outside               |
| Main     | Right (Back)    | Five Year Olds             | 1     | 5        | NC   | 22         | C            | NA         | NA           | Transitioning         |

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

Total # Children this Date: 73

Total Capacity @35 sq. ft.: 137

Total Capacity @25 sq. ft.: 0

| Building | Playground | Playground Occupancy | Playground Compliance |
|----------|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Main     | PG A       | 15                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG B       | 47                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG C       | 42                   | C                     |
| Main     | PG D       | 48                   | C                     |

## Comments

Today's visit was a Licensing Study conducted with Tiffany Hill.

Plan of Improvement: Developed This Date 10/30/2023

Any rule violation which subjects a child to injury or life-threatening situation or any rule violations previously cited but not corrected, may result in the imposition of an adverse enforcement action. Serious or continued noncompliance may also jeopardize participation in one or more DECAL program(s).



Please refer to the website, <http://www.dec.ga.gov/CCS/RulesAndRegulations.aspx>, for information regarding October 1, 2018 rule changes about Criminal Records Checks that may affect your facility. In summary,

- New records checks will be required to be completed if a staff member experiences a six month break in service from the child care industry
- New clearance is required at least once every five years
- Any staff member solely responsible for supervising children will be required to have completed a comprehensive background clearance
- All staff members are required to have completed at least a national fingerprint based clearance check
- Any staff member with only the national fingerprint based clearance, must be under constant and direct supervision of a staff member with a satisfactory comprehensive records check clearance
- Facilities are required to use DECAL KOALA for Criminal Records Checks, including to verify portability of an employee

O.C.G.A. Section 42.1.12(i)(2) requires Bright from the Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning to notify licensed child care programs on accessing and retrieving from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation's (GBI) website a list of the names and addresses of all registered sexual offenders. Please see GBI's website located at <http://gbi.georgia.gov> to access the Georgia Sex Offender Registry.

### Refutation Process:

You have the right to refute any of the citations noted in this report with which you disagree. To refute a citation(s), do the following:

- 1) Log into DECAL KOALA [www.decalkoala.com](http://www.decalkoala.com) with the userid for your program
- 2) On the home page scroll down to the Inspection Reports and select 'Refute Citation' for the visit report in dispute
- 3) Select the specific rule number(s) that you are refuting, add the reason for disagreement regarding the rule citation, and upload supporting documentation
- 4) Submit the refutation in DECAL KOALA to Child Care Services (CCS) within 10 business days of the completion date.

Your refutation will be forwarded to the appropriate CCS manager, who will follow up with you about your concerns. If you have any questions about this process, contact our office at 404-657-5562.

Bright from the Start recommends that all licensed child care providers carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients. If you do not have this liability insurance, you are required to post a notice with ½ inch letters in a conspicuous location in the program, notify the parent or guardian of each child in care in writing, obtain their signature to acknowledge receipt and maintain this written acknowledgment on file at the program at all times while the child attends the program and for 12 months after the child's last date of attendance. (O.C.G.A. Section 20-1A-4)



### Important Quality Rated/CAPS Update:

As January 1, 2022, child care providers must be Quality Rated to receive Childcare and Parent Services (CAPS). Newly licensed, or new to CAPS providers may be eligible for the new CAPS/QR Provisional Status, allowing for scholarships while working toward a star rating.

**Contact the Quality Rated help desk at 855-800-7747 or [qualityrated@dec.ga.gov](mailto:qualityrated@dec.ga.gov) for more information. Free technical assistance is available!**

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Cristina Walker, Program Official

Date

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Tiffany Hill, Intake Unit Consultant

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Tahishe Smith, Child Care Services Manager

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**(Findings Report)**

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The following information is associated with a Licensing Study:

**Activities and Equipment**

**591-1-1-.12 Equipment & Toys(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Discussed disinfecting toys daily with the staff members. Staff stated that toys are sent to the director at the end of each day for cleaning/disinfecting.

**591-1-1-.35 Swimming Pools & Water-related Activities(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Center does not provide swimming activities.

**Children's Records**

**591-1-1-.08 Children's Records**

**Met**

**Comment**

Records were observed to be complete and well organized.

**Facility**

**591-1-1-.19 License Capacity(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

Licensed capacity observed to be routinely met by center.

**591-1-1-.25 Physical Plant - Safe Environment(CR)**

**Met**

**Comment**

No hazards observed accessible to children on this date.

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**591-1-1-.26 Playgrounds(CR)****Not Met****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.26(4) - Discussed the eight inch gap above the half concrete wall to the left of the gate on Playground A.

**Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(4) requires that playgrounds be protected from traffic or other hazards by a (4) four foot high fence or other barrier approved by this Department. Fencing material shall not present a hazard to children and shall be maintained so as to prevent children from leaving the playground area by any means other than through an approved access route. Fence gates shall be kept closed except when persons are entering or exiting the area. It was determined through observation that there was a six inch gap at the bottom of the fence between the middle and left playground that could pose an entrapment hazard.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will routinely check the fence to determine if it is in good repair and remains at least 4 feet high, and will repair any hazards. The Center will train Staff to identify and report any fence hazards and to keep the fence gates closed when not in use.

**Correction Deadline: 10/30/2023****Finding**

591-1-1-.26(8) requires climbing and swinging equipment to have a resilient surface beneath the equipment and the fall zone from such equipment must be adequately maintained by the Center to assure continuing resiliency. It was determined through observation that there was approximately two inches of resilient surface underneath the fall zone beneath the slide on the middle playground.

**POI (Plan of Improvement)**

The Center will add additional resilient surfacing to the fall zones where needed and check daily, adding resilient surfacing as needed to maintain adequate resiliency.

**Correction Deadline: 11/9/2023****Correction Deadline: 2/16/2023****Corrected on 10/30/2023**

.26(9) - There was no brown flower box observed with a crack on this date. The gates were all locked.

**Food Service**

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**591-1-1-.15 Food Service & Nutrition****Met****Comment**

Please ensure that infant feeding forms are updated regularly and are accessible to the staff members.

**Health and Hygiene**

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**591-1-1-.10 Diapering Areas & Practices(CR)****Met****Comment**

Hand washing requirements for diapering were discussed with the director on this date.

**591-1-1-.17 Hygiene(CR)****Technical Assistance****Technical Assistance**

591-1-1-.17 - Please be sure that handwashing takes place even if gloves are worn for diapering.

**591-1-1-.20 Medications(CR)****Met****Comment**

The Director stated that she does not currently dispense/administer medication.

## Safety

### 591-1-1-.11 Discipline(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Age-appropriate discussion and/or redirection observed. Staff stated that redirection is used as a method of discipline.

### 591-1-1-.36 Transportation(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Complete documentation of transportation observed. Current vehicle inspection observed.

## Sleeping & Resting Equipment

### 591-1-1-.30 Safe Sleeping and Resting Requirements(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Discussed SIDS and infant sleeping position.

## Staff Records

### 591-1-1-.09 Criminal Records and Comprehensive Background Checks(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Criminal record checks were observed to be complete.

### 591-1-1-.31 Staff(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Discussed that all lead staff must enroll in an approved education program within 6 months of hire and complete degree within 18 months. There were no lead teachers in each classroom as most staff are newly hired. A Professional Learning Plan was given to the director to have on file for each staff member that will be labeled as a lead teacher and enroll in an approved program.

## Staffing and Supervision

### 591-1-1-.32 Staff:Child Ratios and Group Size(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Center observed to maintain appropriate staff:child ratios.

### 591-1-1-.32 Supervision(CR)

Met

#### Comment

Adequate supervision observed on this date.